

THE BOSTON CONVENTION.

FOUR HUNDRED NATIONAL LEAGUE DELEGATES ASSEMBLED IN THE "HUB."

New York Nation.

The delegates to the second annual Convention of the Irish National League began to assemble in Faneuil Hall, Boston, at half-past eleven o'clock Wednesday morning.

The hall was profusely decorated. From the centre of the lofty ceiling of the auditorium scores of red, white, blue and green streamers extended to the extremities of the walls.

Behind the speakers' table was a green and gilt arch bearing the motto: "Right will triumph over wrong." This was surmounted by a crescent of Irish and American colors, upon the top of which was a gilded harp, the strings of which were covered with green silk.

The centre of the arch was draped with white lace, falling gracefully around a huge sunburst of red, white and blue. On either side of the arch was a pyramidal shield, surmounted with flags. On one of the shields were the names of the Irish patriots—Swift, Molyneux, Grattan and Emmet; on the other was the date "1884" and the names of Flood, O'Connell, Davitt and Parnell.

Another immense arch in the rear of the hall, covered with American and Irish flags, bore the motto: "America for Americans, England for Englishmen, Ireland for Irishmen."

At half-past twelve, when Mr. Alexander Sullivan entered the hall, leaning upon the arm of John Boyle O'Reilly, his appearance was the signal for prolonged and enthusiastic cheering, which was repeated when the chairman shortly afterward took his place upon the platform.

GENTLEMEN OF THE CONVENTION.—In the name and by the authority of the Irish National League of America we meet to fulfill the requirements of its constitution; to convey to our kindred the message of our steadfast devotion and our commission to acquaint us with the progress of their struggle for self-government.

THE SPECTRE OF FAMINE.—The Land League was born in an hour of woe, when the spectre of famine appeared, summoned, not by the breath of God withering the harvest, but by the English Government.

THE TEAR-BEDDED SHAMROCK.—The shamrock on its banner, tear-bedded in its native bed, is the symbol of the glorious union of that race in three homes, separated by the seas that divide continents, united by the determination of a race to achieve the independence of a nation.

THE NATIONAL LEAGUE.—The National League represents the aspirations and the resolve of an entire people. As the farmers have been the chief beneficiaries of the struggles and share the sacrifices thus far made, the Irish people throughout the world, who participate in the struggles and share the sacrifices, admonish the farmers that they owe a duty to their country in an earnest support of the aims of the National League.

the diversified industries which render a people self-sustaining and prosperous.

THE FARMERS ARE RIGHTLY ADMONISHED that if they fail to extend to the laborers the fraternal aid they have themselves received; if they fail to encourage Irish products to the exclusion of English goods; if they hesitate to invest in domestic industries they will be more odious in the sight of God and man than the landlords from whose clutch they have been released.

JUSTICE NOT DEPENDENT ON ARMS ALONE.—While force is still unable to prolong despotism, justice is not dependent on arms alone. Ireland unable to cope with the empire that denies her a constitution and parliament, appeals from the bayonet to the mind of mankind, and asks whether her demands be not just and whether her patience, her morality and her perseverance have not been sublime.

BRUTALITY OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT.—It has been the practice of the English Government for more than a generation to drive vast numbers of the Irish people and small agricultural holdings into foul and vicious dens called poorhouses. Being thus reduced to poverty, their children robbed of an opportunity to acquire bread-getting skill, they have been forced into the pits of ocean vessels and cast penniless upon the crowded cities of our seaboard.

WE MUST HAVE NO LANDLORDISM HERE.—From the national conventions of the different political parties we have received pledges that English landlordism, which is nearly expelled from Ireland, shall not be permitted to transfer its evil seeds to American soil.

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TEMPORARY OFFICERS CHOSEN.

The secretary then read the call by which the second National Convention of the League was assembled; after which Chairman Sullivan announced that by a unanimous vote of the National Committee the following gentlemen were recommended as temporary officers of the Convention, and they were elected by a unanimous vote.

MR. MOONEY WAS GREETED WITH loud cheering as he took his place. He addressed the Convention as follows: LADIES AND GENTLEMEN OF THE CONVENTION: I am sure, after hearing the eloquent and able address of the president of the National League, you do not expect me to make any extended remarks.

MR. O'NEILL WITHDREW HIS MOTION and the amendment was adopted. Judge Pendergast of Illinois moved that committees be appointed by the Chair as follows:—One member of each State delegation to comprise the committees on Credentials, Resolutions and Rules, Permanent Organization of the Convention and on Auditing Accounts of the Officers of the League.

UPON REASSEMBLING JOHN BOYLE O'REILLY took the platform amid much applause and read the following telegram from Mr. Sexton: "We leave by the New Haven and Springfield Railroad at eleven o'clock, and will arrive in Boston at six o'clock."

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Irish race; it is this obstinate adherence of the men and women of our kind and kin to the hopes, to the rights of their race, that is making us in Ireland feel that it is no longer with hope, but with absolute confidence that we regard the future.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I will say that I am here, not only as a delegate of the Irish Parliamentary party, but of the Irish National League.

MR. WILLIAM REDMOND, M. P., WAS NEXT introduced as a former visitor in America. He addressed the Convention, drawing a contrast between the Irish Parliament and the assembly before him, and urging united determination on the part of all friends of Ireland until self-government was restored to that country.

THE COMMITTEE ON PERMANENT ORGANIZATION and Rules reported rules substantially the same as those of the Philadelphia Convention last year, and the following list of officers:—President—M. V. Gannan, of Iowa. Vice-President—Thomas Sexton, William E. Redmond, and one from each State represented.

WHAT AN ARCHBISHOP THINKS OF IMMORAL DAILY PAPERS AND KINDRED PAPERS. A Cincinnati Post reporter called on Archbishop Elder, to secure from him an expression of his views on early marriages, to be used in connection with the recent developments in the Cleveland scandal.

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STREET PREACHING.

Perhaps there is nothing so indicative of the collapse of Protestantism as a vital religious force as the ridiculous expedients resorted to by the sects to induce the masses to "come and be saved."

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IS THE TRUE AND ONLY CHURCH OF GOD.

Catholic Columbian.

The Scriptures were explained to the people in the temple, and they knew that heaven was and would be closed against man until his redemption by the Son of God, the long promised Messiah. The fact of the souls of the just being detained in that place called Limbo until heaven was opened for them by our Lord was well known and not controverted.

BEFORE GOING FURTHER, KEEP IN MIND another fact, viz.: when St. Peter speaks of the resurrection of our Lord from the dead and concerning the witnesses of this fact, he speaks of the witnesses of this fact, he speaks of the witnesses of this fact, he speaks of the witnesses of this fact.

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